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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate the Sisters of the
4 Resurrection in Chicago on the beatification of their
5 foundress, Mother Celine Borzecka; and

6 WHEREAS, The Sisters of the Resurrection, with provincial
7 headquarters at 7432 W. Talcott Ave., Chicago, have announced
8 the beatification of their foundress, Mother Celine Borzecka
9 (1833-1913), took place on Saturday, October 27, 2007, in the
10 Basilica of St. John Lateran in Rome, Italy; and

11 WHEREAS, Beatification is the third phase in the four-phase
12 process of canonization, the final step to a person being
13 declared and recognized as a saint in the Roman Catholic
14 Church; before being proclaimed "Blessed," there is a formal
15 investigation into the faithful and exemplary life led by the
16 person; a miracle must be proven to have taken place through
17 the intercession of the person to be beatified; and

18 WHEREAS, A fifth generation descendent of Mother Celine was
19 healed from a subdural hematoma and other complications after
20 being prayed for through the intercession of Mother Celine; the
21 Catholic Church's Medical Commission declared in 2005 that the
22 recovery could not be explained as a natural healing process

1 and the miracle was approved by the Congregation for the Causes
2 of Saints; and

3 WHEREAS, After Mother Celine Borzecka was widowed, she and
4 her younger daughter, Hedwig, began various ministries in 1882
5 for women in their small Rome apartment; they worked under the
6 guidance of the priests of the Congregation of the
7 Resurrection; Celine Borzecka became a recognized and
8 respected leader in spiritual, political, educational, and
9 cultural arenas; as a dedicated wife, loving mother, empowered
10 widow, and devoted religious woman, she is credited as a role
11 model for today's modern woman; and

12 WHEREAS, Once beatified, the church will formally proclaim
13 Mother Celine as "Blessed," meaning prayers in her name can be
14 used during the Eucharistic liturgy, and she can intercede on
15 behalf of individuals who pray in her name; and

16 WHEREAS, The Sisters of the Resurrection continue to
17 minister in education, health care, and parish work in the
18 Archdiocese of Chicago; they have served in Chicago since 1900,
19 where their first assignment was teaching at the St. Mary of
20 the Angels School in Chicago, and have been based on Talcott
21 Avenue since 1912; Resurrection High School, Resurrection
22 Medical Center, Resurrection Retirement Community,
23 Resurrection Life Center, and Resurrection Health Care are all

1 parts of the order's outreach; therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
3 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
4 congratulate the Sisters of the Resurrection in Chicago on the
5 beatification of their foundress, Mother Celine Borzecka and
6 thank them for their ministry to the people of the Chicago
7 area; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
9 presented to Sister M. Barbara Sniegowski, head of the order's
10 Chicago province.